

B-3132 - B-3138  
125-103 E. Montgomery St. (South side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

c. 1836-1855

The majority of houses on this side of the 100 block of E. Montgomery St. are two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses, a number of which have Greek-Revival influenced exterior door and window lintels with bull's-eye decorated corner blocks. The houses were built by individual owners in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Robert Culley, a local shipbuilder built 105-107 and 113 E. Montgomery St. and his brother Langley, also an important local shipbuilder, built and lived in 119 E. Montgomery St. The pair of houses at 121-123 E. Montgomery St. are two story plus attic houses, built in the late 1840's. The tall, three story, three bay wide Classical Revival structure at 125 E. Montgomery St., now serving a commercial function, was originally built as the home of the Watchman Fire Company, a local, volunteer fire company organized in the early 1850's. The original structure on the site was built about 1855; the current enlargement and remodeling probably dates to the early years of this century.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

117 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR            ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This 2 1/2 story brick house with gable roof and dormer window was built more or less contemporaneously (in the early 1840's) with a group of similar houses extending along this side of Montgomery St. Although it shares the roof line of the group extending from 113 to 119 Montgomery St., each house is a separate unit. 117 Montgomery St. has been covered with formstone.

The house is 2 1/2 stories in height, 16' wide, and extends back on a 94' deep lot\*. The original brickwork has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched roof is covered with tarpaper. The dormer window has an unusual arched opening, with the upper sash curved to fit the opening. A simple, two-tiered brick cornice extends across the facade. A double hooded rectangular chimney rises along the eastern end of both the front and rear roof gables. There is also a single hooded chimney located at the south end of the rear addition.

The door and window openings have segmentally arched lintels with solid wood tympanums, though the arches are hidden beneath the formstone covering. The sills are stone, but they seem to be contemporary with the formstone. The first floor window is quite wide and deep, and may represent a later remodeling. All of the windows are double hung with 1/1 sash. An early twentieth century glass paneled door is surmounted by a single light transom. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by a flight of three marble steps. A wide, segmentally arched basement opening, divided into two glass paneled sections, is located to the left of the steps.

\*The house is two rooms deep with a two story high, four bay deep rear addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1840-41

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Milton Webb

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See under 113 E. Montgomery St.

This house seems to have been built by Milton Webb, a grocer who had a store on Light St. south of Cross St.<sup>1</sup> In 1841 Webb sold the house for \$1200 to a John Timmons, a wood dealer, who lived here through the 1850's.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1840

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 1845, 1851; Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 313, Folio 280

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

DITH 2000

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

3/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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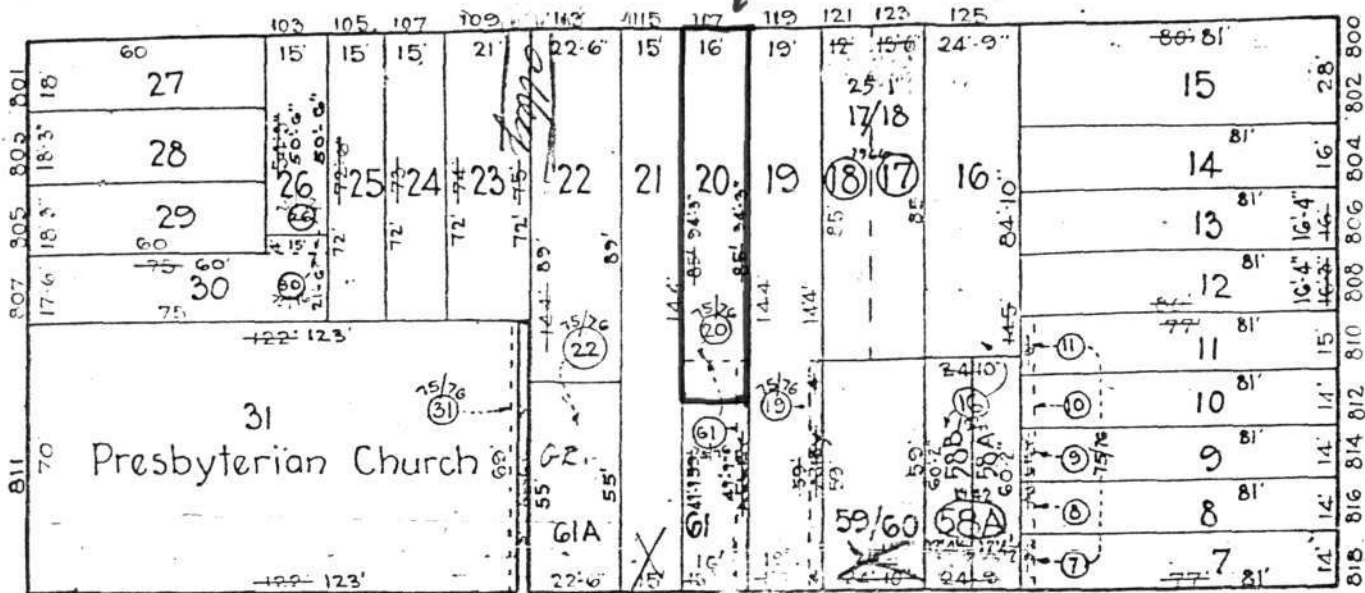
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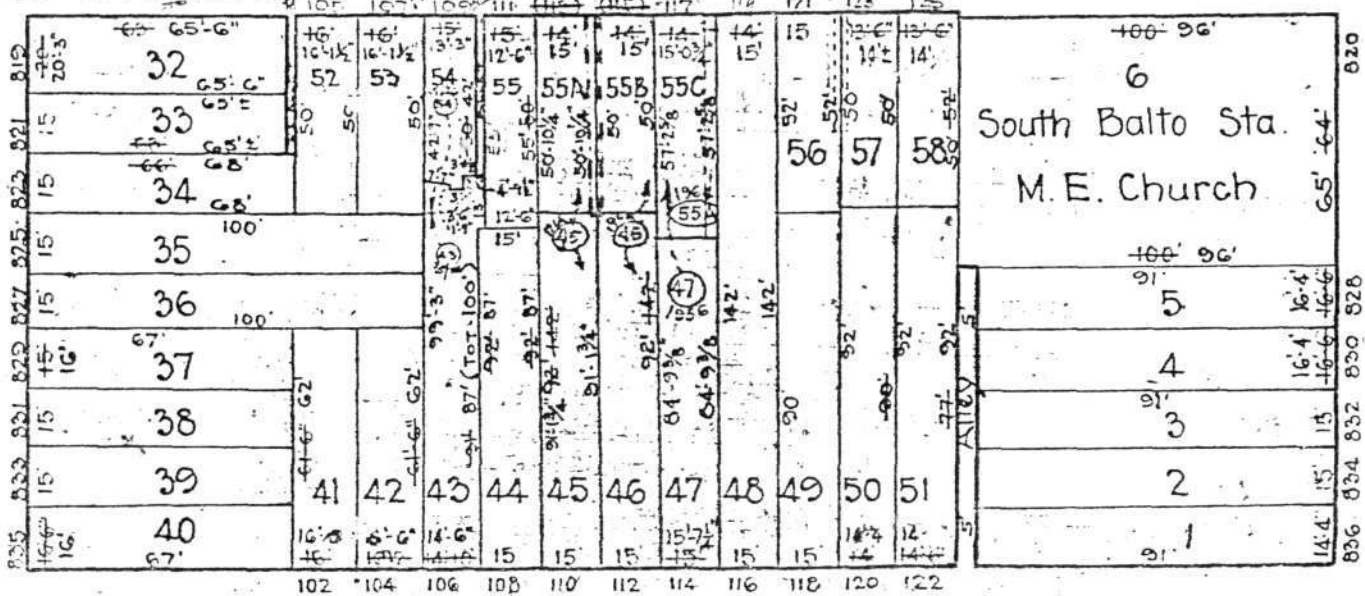
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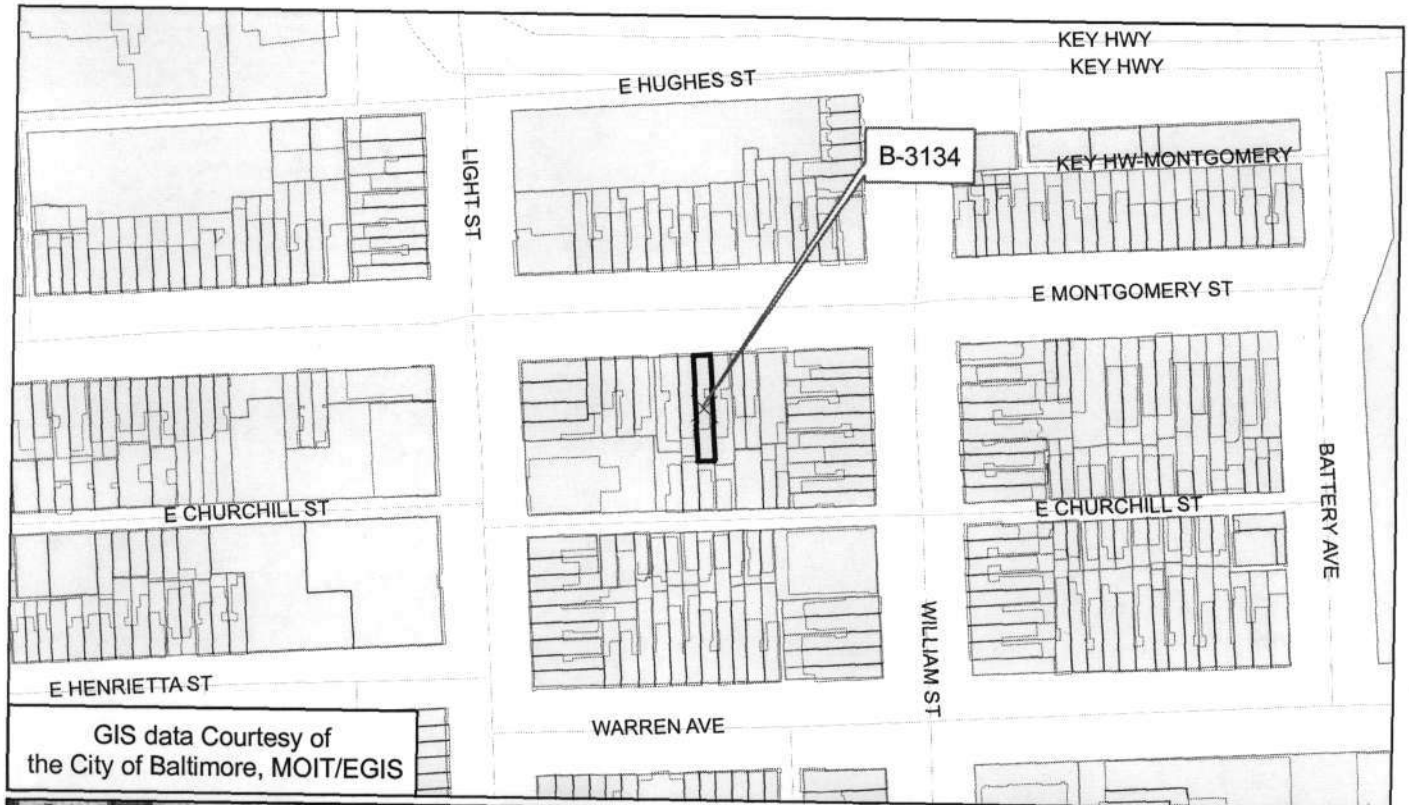
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117 E. Montgomery Street  
Block 0906 Lot 020  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3134 117 E. Montgomery St.

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North elevation